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Identical letters dated 15 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I annex herewith documented information on aerial bombardments carried out by the United States-led so-called international coalition against Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), against the following oil, gas and infrastructure facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic:

- The Ghalban oil collection branch station in Dayr al-Zawr governorate, on 6, 7 and 8 March 2017;
- The Umar oilfield and its wells and facilities, and an electrical transformer station in Dayr al-Zawr governorate, on 6, 7 and 8 March and also on 4 and 23 April 2017;
- The Tanak oilfield and its facilities in Dayr al-Zawr governorate, on 7 March and 23 April 2017;
- The gas plant in north-central Raqqah governorate, on 28 March 2017;
- Buildings and facilities belonging to the General Establishment of Geology and Mineral Resources in Homs governorate, on 7 April 2017.

Those repeated bombardments have caused substantial material losses and the near total destruction of some facilities. That is in addition to the widespread destruction of other Syrian oil facilities and sites and many infrastructure buildings in the Syrian Arab Republic resulting from attacks by the so-called international coalition. Those attacks have been accompanied by illegal unilateral coercive economic sanctions imposed on the Syrian Arab Republic by the United States of America, the European Union, the League of Arab States, and other States, which obstruct efforts to repair those economically vital facilities and dim the prospects for development, rebuilding and reconstruction in the Syrian Arab Republic.

My country's Government reiterates its stated position that the hostile acts perpetrated within the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic by the so-called international coalition against ISIL are illegal and contravene the Charter of the United Nations and international law, inasmuch as they are being carried out without prior authorization or coordination with the Syrian Government. My country's Government insists that these attacks must come to an end, and that the States members of this illegal coalition must be made to bear political and legal responsibility for the destruction of infrastructure in the Syrian Arab Republic, including responsibility for compensation.



I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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